

With a strong record of job creation and fiscally conservative budgets that have helped put Mississippi on the path to record economic growth, Governor Haley Barbour today officially launched his campaign for reelection.

(POSSIBLE QUOTES)

“We have come a long way together,” Governor Barbour said as he embarked on an announcement tour that will take him to nine cities in every geographic area of the state on Monday and Tuesday. “Marsha and I are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of our state. Mississippi is doing better but we still have a ways to go and I am asking voters to give me four more years as Governor.”

On Monday, Governor Barbour plans to visit Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Jackson and Greenville; Tuesday’s schedule includes stops in Olive Branch, Tupelo, Columbus, Meridian and Yazoo City.

Governor Barbour, elected in 2003 in the highest voter turnout in Mississippi history, has compiled a solid record of job creation, economic growth and balanced budgets – without raising taxes. Under his administration funding for such state priorities as education and law enforcement have increased, while spending on corrections and Medicaid have been brought under control.

“I am proud of the work that has been done in creating more and better jobs, ending lawsuit abuse, improving education, making Mississippi healthier, and building safer communities and stronger families. I am asking voters to join me for four more years of progress,” Governor Barbour said.

Here is Governor Barbour’s announcement tour schedule:

Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Gulfport**

Trinity Yachts  
13085 Seaway Road  
9:00 AM

**Hattiesburg**

Lake Terrace Convention Center  
One Convention Center Plaza  
11:15 AM

**Jackson**

Regency Hotel & Conference Center  
400 Greymont Ave.  
1:30 PM

**Greenville**

Mid-Delta Regional Airport

166 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

4:15 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Olive Branch**

Whispering Woods Hotel & Conference Center

11200 East Goodman Road

9:45 AM

**Tupelo**

Hilton Garden Inn

363 East Main Street

11:45 AM

**Columbus**

Golden Triangle Regional Airport

Observation Deck

2080 Airport Road

1:45 PM

**Meridian**

Meridian Regional Airport

2811 Highway 11 South

Meridian

3:45 PM

**Yazoo City**

The Manchester (formally known as The Elk's Lodge)

118 East Broadway

Yazoo City

6:00 PM